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BOND ET AL.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
 If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 5. 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. **Claims 19, 27 and 31** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Taskett (US 5,923,734).

Regarding **claim 19**, Taskett discloses an apparatus for providing a prepaid, remote memory transaction account with voice indicia (column 1, lines 11-17), (which reads on claimed “a system for facilitating the use of a pre-paid telephone calling having an associated prerecorded personal greeting”), comprising:

a data storage system (column 5, line 36 “voice storage facility”) for storing data corresponding to a pre-paid telephone calling card (column 5, line 38 “telephone card”) and to a personal greeting (column 5, line 37 “voice of celebrity”) related to the pre-paid telephone calling card (column 5, lines 30-45) [Based on the image on the card the user will receive the voice stored on the data storage]; and

a pre-paid telephone calling card processing system (column 5, line 59 “a distributed transaction system”) coupled to the data storage system (column 5, line 61 “a database”) and configured to receive a request to make an outbound telephone call (column 6, line 3 “long distance telephone calls”) in relation to the pre-paid telephone calling card during an access call over a telephone network (column 5, lines 66-67 “Local Exchange Carrier”) and to cause the personal greeting to be played during the access call (column 6, lines 59-65) [The user dials a particular telephone number to retrieve appropriate audio indicia].

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Regarding **claim 27**, Taskett discloses a method for providing a prepaid, remote memory transaction account with voice indicia (column 1, lines 11-17), (which reads on claimed "a method for recording a personal greeting") associated with a prepaid telephone calling card (column 3, line 55 "prepaid calling cards"), comprising the steps of:

storing data corresponding to a pre-paid telephone calling card (column 4, lines 43-52) and a personal greeting (column 5, line 35 "voice of the celebrity") to be associated with a prepaid telephone calling card (column 5, lines 30-45) [Based on the image on the card the user will receive the voice stored on the data storage];

receiving a request to make an outbound telephone call (column 6, line 3 "long distance telephone calls") in relation to the pre-paid telephone calling card during an access call over a telephone network (column 5, lines 66-67 "Local Exchange Carrier"); and

causing the personal greeting to be played during the access call (column 6, lines 59-65) [The user dials a particular telephone number to retrieve appropriate audio indicia].

Regarding **claim 31**, Taskett discloses a method for providing a prepaid, remote memory transaction account with voice indicia (column 1, lines 11-17 and column 3, line 55 “prepaid calling cards”), (which reads on claimed “a method of using a prepaid telephone calling card”) comprising the steps of:

accessing a prepaid telephone calling card processing system (column 7, line 15 “service provider”) during a pre-paid telephone calling card setup call (column 7, lines 13-14 “dialing access number”) via a telephone network (column 7, lines 14-15 “Local Exchange Carrier”);

entering a card identifier (column 7, lines 38-39 “access code”) corresponding to data addressable by the pre-paid telephone calling card system (column 7, lines 33-39) [The system prompts the user to enter an access code over the telephone line];

retrieving a pre-recorded personal greeting associated with the pre-paid telephone calling card based on the card identifier entered during the entering step (column 7, lines 40-52) [the system informs the costumer of the long distance time using the Elvis voice]; and

playing the pre-recording personal greeting associated with the pre-paid telephone calling card during the telephone access service access call (column 8, lines 1-9) [The system will play the Elvis records when the user have Elvis image on the transaction card].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

5. **Claims 1, 10 and 16** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taskett in view of Moen et al (US 5,864,604).

Regarding **claim 1**, Taskett discloses an apparatus for providing a prepaid, remote memory transaction account with voice indicia (column 1, lines 11-17), (which reads on claimed "a system for recording a personal greeting") associated with a prepaid telephone calling card (column 3, line 55 "prepaid calling cards"), comprising:

a data storage system (column 5, line 36 "voice storage facility") for storing data corresponding to a pre-paid telephone calling card (column 5, lines 30-45); and

a pre-paid telephone calling card processing system (column 5, line 59 "a distributed transaction system") coupled to the data storage system (column 5, lines 59-64).

Taskett fails to disclose receive a request to record the greeting during a setup call.

However, Moen teaches receive a request (column 12, line 8 "allowing the purchaser") to record the personal greeting during a setup call (column 12, lines 7-11) over a telephone network (column 4, line 56 "telecommunications network") and to cause the personal greeting to be recorded during the setup call (column 4, lines 53-57) [The purchaser call an access number and the system prompts for the recording of the message and the delivery can be done over various form of telecommunications service].

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a request to record the greeting during a setup call of Moen in the invention of Taskett.

The modification of the invention would offer the capability of a request to record the greeting during a setup call such as the recipient of this card would be able to listen to the message on the greeting card.

Regarding **claim 10**, Taskett discloses a method for providing a prepaid, remote memory transaction account with voice indicia (column 1, lines 11-17), (which reads on claimed "a method for recording a personal greeting") associated with a prepaid telephone calling card (column 3, line 55 "prepaid calling cards"), comprising the steps of:

storing data corresponding to a pre-paid telephone calling card (column 4, lines 43-52) and a greeting (column 5, line 35 "voice of the celebrity") to be associated with a prepaid telephone calling card (column 5, lines 30-45);

the greeting to be played back during an access call related to the use of the prepaid telephone calling card (column 8, lines 20-29).

Taskett fails to disclose receiving a request to record the greeting during a setup call.

However, Moen teaches receiving a request (column 12, line 8 “allowing the purchaser”) to record the personal greeting during a setup call (column 12, lines 7-11) over a telephone network (column 4, line 56 “telecommunications network”) and causing the personal greeting to be recorded during the setup call (column 4, lines 53-57) [The purchaser call an access number and the system prompts for the recording of the message and the delivery can be done over various form of telecommunications service].

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a request to record the greeting during a setup call of Moen in the invention of Taskett.

The modification of the invention would offer the capability of a request to record the greeting during a setup call such as the recipient of this card would be able to listen to the message on the greeting card.

Regarding **claim 16**, Taskett discloses a method for providing a prepaid, remote memory transaction account with voice indicia (column 1, lines 11-17 and column 3, line 55 “prepaid calling cards”), (which reads on claimed “a method of using a prepaid telephone calling card”) comprising the steps of:

accessing a prepaid telephone calling card processing system (column 7, line 15 “service provider”) during a pre-paid telephone calling card setup call (column 7, lines 13-14 “dialing access number”) via a telephone network (column 7, lines 14-15 “Local Exchange Carrier”);

entering a card identifier (column 7, lines 38-39 "access code") corresponding to data addressable by the pre-paid telephone calling card system (column 7, lines 33-39);

Taskett fails to disclose recording a personal greeting during a subsequent telephone service access call.

However, Moen teaches recording a personal greeting (column 12, lines 7-11) being addressable by the pre-paid telephone calling card processing system during a subsequent telephone service access call (column 4, lines 53-57) [The purchaser call an access number and the system prompts for the recording of the message and the delivery can be done over various form of telecommunications service].

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use recording a personal greeting during a subsequent telephone service access call of Moen in the invention of Taskett.

The modification of the invention would offer the capability of recording a personal greeting during a subsequent telephone service access call such as the recipient of this card would be able to listen to the message on the greeting card.

6. **Claims 2 and 18** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taskett in view of Moen and in further view of Khuc et al (US 5,828,740).

Regarding **claim 2**, Taskett and Moen as applied to **claim 1** above differ from **claim 2** in that it fails to disclose the data storage system and the pre-paid calling card processing system are remotely located.

However, Khuc discloses the data storage system and the pre-paid calling card processing system are remotely located (column 3, lines 44-54).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the data storage system and the pre-paid calling card processing system are remotely located of Khuc in the invention of Taskett and Moen.

The modification of the invention would offer the capability of a request to record the greeting during a setup call such as the recipient of this card would be able to listen to the message on the greeting card.

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Regarding **claim 18**, Taskett and Moen as applied to **claim 16** above differ from **claim 18** in that it fails to disclose the telephone network is the publicly switched telephone network.

However, Khuc teaches the telephone network is the publicly switched telephone network (column 2, lines 27-32).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the telephone network is the publicly switched telephone network of Khuc in the invention of Taskett and Moen.

Doing so the system would play back the greeting message.

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7. **Claims 3-4 and 11-12** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taskett in view of Moen and in further view of Bruno et al. (US 5,991,380).

Regarding **claims 3 and 11**, Taskett and Moen as applied to **claims 1 and 10** above differ from **claims 3 and 11** in that it fails to disclose a quantity corresponding to a number of service units.

However, Bruno teaches the data corresponding to the pre-paid telephone calling card includes a quantity corresponding to a number of service units available to be used to make at least one call in relation to the pre-paid telephone calling card (column 2, lines 22-27).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a quantity corresponding to a number of service units of Bruno in the invention of Taskett and Moen.

Doing so the system would provide access to telecommunications services.

Regarding **claims 4 and 12**, Taskett, Moen and Bruno as applied to **claims 3 and 11** above differ from **claims 4 and 12**.

In addition, Taskett discloses the call is a long distance telephone call (column 6, lines 1-3).

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8. **Claims 5 and 13** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taskett in view of Moen in view of Bruno and in further view of Nguyen et al. (US 5,815,561).

Regarding **claims 5 and 13**, Taskett, Moen and Bruno as applied to **claims 3 and 12** above differ from **claims 5 and 13** in that it fails to disclose service units correspond to telephone call service minutes.

However, Nguyen teaches a system, wherein the service units correspond to telephone call service minutes (column 13, lines 30-36).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use service units correspond to telephone call service minutes of Nguyen in the invention of Taskett, Moen and Bruno.

Doing so the system would provide a cost call service minutes.

9. **Claims 6-9 and 14-17** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taskett in view of Moen and in further view of Gow (US 5,828,732).

Regarding **claims 6 and 14**, Taskett and Moen as applied to **claims 1 and 10** above differ from **claims 6 and 14** in that it fails to disclose the personal greeting to be recorded within the data storage system in accordance with a card identifier.

However, Gow teaches the pre-paid telephone calling card processing system causes the personal greeting to be recorded within the data storage system in accordance with a card identifier corresponding to the pre-paid telephone calling card (column 4, lines 56-60).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the personal greeting to be recorded within the data storage system in accordance with a card identifier of Gow in the invention Taskett and Moen.

Doing so the system would provide the personal greeting.

Regarding **claim 7**, Taskett and Moen as applied to **claim 1** above differ from **claim 7** in that it fails to disclose the data storage system, and operative to store the personal greeting based on a card identifier.

However, Gow teaches a voice data storage facility coupled to the pre-paid telephone calling card processing system (1 and 4 on FIG. 1) and to the data storage system, and operative to store the personal greeting based on a card identifier corresponding to the pre-paid telephone calling card (column 4, lines 11-15).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the data storage system, and operative to store the personal greeting based on a card identifier of Gow in the invention of Taskett and Moen.

Doing so the system would provide the greeting message.

Regarding **claim 8**, Taskett and Moen as applied to **claim 1** above differ from **claim 8** in that it fails to disclose to prompt a caller to record the personal greeting.

However, Gow teaches a voice response system coupled to the pre-paid calling card processing system and configured to prompt a caller to record the personal greeting via at least one voice prompt during the setup call over the telephone network (column 43, lines 40-55).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use prompting a caller to record the personal greeting of Gow in the invention of Taskett and Moen.

Doing so the system would record the greeting message.

Regarding **claim 9**, Taskett and Moen as applied to **claim 1** above differ from **claim 9** in that it fails to disclose the personal greeting is to be played back.

However, Gow teaches the personal greeting is to be played back via the pre-paid telephone calling processing system during an access call related to the pre-paid telephone calling card, the access call made in accordance with the use of the pre-paid telephone calling card (column 4, lines 60-67).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the personal greeting is to be played back of Gow in the invention of Taskett and Moen.

Doing so the system would play back the greeting message.

Regarding **claim 15**, Taskett and Moen as applied to **claim 10** above differ from **claim 15** in that it fails to disclose to be played back automatically during an access call.

However, Gow teaches the personal greeting stored during the causing step is to be played back automatically during an access call related to the pre-paid telephone calling card (column 4, lines 56-60).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use to be played back automatically during an access call of Gow in the invention of Taskett and Moen.

Doing so the system would play back the greeting message.

Regarding **claim 17**, Taskett and Moen as applied to **claim 16** above differ from **claim 17** in that it fails to disclose the personal greeting is stored in a data storage system in accordance with the card identifier.

However, Gow teaches the personal greeting is stored in a data storage system in accordance with the card identifier (column 4, lines 56-60).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the personal greeting is stored in a data storage system in accordance with the card identifier of Gow in the invention of Taskett and Moen.

Doing so the system would play back the greeting message.

10. **Claim 20** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taskett in view of Khuc.

Regarding **claim 20**, Taskett as applied to **claim 19** above differs from **claim 20** in that it fails to disclose the data storage system and the pre-paid calling card processing system are remotely located.

However, Khuc discloses the data storage system and the pre-paid calling card processing system are remotely located (column 3, lines 44-54).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the data storage system and the pre-paid calling card processing system are remotely located of Khuc in the invention of Taskett.

The modification of the invention would offer the capability of a request to record the greeting during a setup call such as the recipient of this card would be able to listen to the message on the greeting card.

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11. **Claims 21-22, 28 and 32-33** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taskett in view of Bruno.

Regarding **claim 21**, Taskett as applied to **claim 19** above differs from **claim 21** in that it fails to disclose a quantity corresponding to a number of service units.

However, Bruno teaches the data corresponding to the pre-paid telephone calling card includes a quantity corresponding to a number of service units available to be used to make at least one call in relation to the pre-paid telephone calling card (column 2, lines 22-27).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a quantity corresponding to a number of service units of Bruno in the invention of Taskett.

Doing so the system would provide access to telecommunications services.

Regarding **claim 22**, Taskett and Bruno as applied to **claim 21** above differ from **claim 22**.

In addition, Taskett discloses the call is a long distance telephone call (column 6, lines 1-3).

Regarding **claim 28**, Taskett as applied to **claim 27** above differs from **claim 28** in that it fails to disclose a quantity corresponding to a number of service units.

However, Bruno teaches the data corresponding to the pre-paid telephone calling card includes a quantity corresponding to a number of service units available to be used to make the outbound call in relation to the pre-paid telephone calling card (column 2, lines 22-27).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a quantity corresponding to a number of service units of Bruno in the invention Taskett.

Doing so the system would provide access to telecommunications services.

Regarding **claim 32**, Taskett as applied to **claim 31** above differs from **claim 30** in that it fails to disclose an outbound call will be placed automatically.

However, Bruno teaches the step of entering a terminating telephone number to which an outbound call will be placed automatically after the pre-recorded personal greeting has been played (column 3, lines 51-54).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use an outbound call will be placed automatically of Bruno in the invention Taskett.

Doing so the system would provide access to telecommunications services.

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Regarding **claim 33**, Taskett as applied to **claim 31** above differs from **claim 33** in that it fails to disclose the accessing and entering steps are carried out remotely.

However, Bruno discloses the accessing and entering steps are carried out remotely from the retrieving and playing steps (column 2, lines 22-27).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the accessing and entering steps are carried out remotely of Bruno in the invention Taskett.

Doing so the system would provide access to telecommunications services.

12. **Claims 23 and 29** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taskett in view of Bruno and in further view of Nguyen.

Regarding **claim 23**, Taskett and Bruno as applied to **claim 21** above differ from **claim 23** in that it fails to disclose service units correspond to telephone call service minutes.

However, Nguyen teaches a system, wherein the service units correspond to telephone call service minutes (column 13, lines 30-36).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use service units correspond to telephone call service minutes of Nguyen in the invention of Taskett and Bruno.

Doing so the system would provide a cost call service minutes.

Regarding **claim 29**, Taskett and Bruno as applied to **claim 28** above differ from **claim 29** in that it fails to disclose service units correspond to telephone call service minutes.

However, Nguyen teaches a method, wherein the service units correspond to telephone call service minutes (column 13, lines 30-36).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use service units correspond to telephone call service minutes of Nguyen in the invention of Taskett and Bruno.

Doing so the system would provide a cost demarcated communication.

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13. **Claims 24-26 and 30** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taskett in view of Gow.

Regarding **claim 24**, Taskett as applied to **claim 19** above differ from **claim 24** in that it fails to disclose the personal greeting to be recorded within the data storage system in accordance with a card identifier.

However, Gow teaches the pre-paid telephone calling card processing system causes the personal greeting to be recorded within the data storage system in accordance with a card identifier corresponding to the pre-paid telephone calling card (column 4, lines 56-60).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the personal greeting to be recorded within the data storage system in accordance with a card identifier of Gow in the invention Taskett.

Doing so the system would provide the personal greeting.

Regarding **claim 25**, Taskett as applied to **claim 19** above differ from **claim 25** in that it fails to disclose the data storage system, and operative to store the personal greeting based on a card identifier.

However, Gow teaches a voice data storage facility coupled to the pre-paid telephone calling card processing system (1 and 4 on FIG. 1) and to the data storage system, and operative to store the personal greeting based on a card identifier corresponding to the pre-paid telephone calling card (column 4, lines 11-15).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the data storage system, and operative to store the personal greeting based on a card identifier of Gow in the invention of Taskett.

Doing so the system would provide the greeting message.

Regarding **claim 26**, Taskett as applied to **claim 19** above differs from **claim 26** in that it fails to disclose to prompt a caller to record the personal greeting.

However, Gow teaches a voice response system coupled to the pre-paid calling card processing system and configured to prompt a caller to record the personal greeting via at least one voice prompt during the setup call over the telephone network (column 43, lines 40-55).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use prompting a caller to record the personal greeting of Gow in the invention of Taskett.

Doing so the system would record the greeting message.

Regarding **claim 30**, Taskett as applied to **claim 27** above differs from **claim 30** in that it fails to disclose the personal greeting to be played back.

However, Gow teaches the personal greeting to be played back in accordance with a card identifier corresponding to the pre-paid telephone calling card (column 4, lines 60-67).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the personal greeting to be played back of Gow in the invention of Taskett.

Doing so the system would provide access to telecommunications services.

Response to Arguments

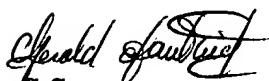
14. Applicant's arguments with respect to **claims 1-33** have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gerald Gauthier whose telephone number is (703) 305-0981. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (703) 305-4895. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9314 for regular communications and for After Final communications.

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